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IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel Claims 19-24.

Please amend the remaining Claims as follows:

1. (Amended) An apparatus comprising a removable cartridge which includes:
an information storage medium; and
a housing having said information storage medium movably supported therein, and configured so that, if electrostatic charge is present on an exterior surface of said housing, said information storage medium will be substantially free of induced charge, said housing comprising:
a first portion conductively connected to a second portion, and
a conductive plate attached to the first portion so that the conductive plate forms
substantially the bottom of the housing and is insulated from the information storage medium.
2. (Original) An apparatus according to Claim 1, wherein said information storage medium is a disk which is rotatably supported within said housing.
3. (Amended) An apparatus according to Claim 2, wherein said ~~housing has, on one side of said disk,~~ first and second portions which each extend approximately parallel to said disk, which are each spaced from said disk in a direction normal to said disk, and which have a space therebetween, said first portion being made of a material which is one of electrically conductive and electrically dissipative.
4. (Amended) An apparatus according to Claim 3, wherein said first and second portions and the conductive plate of said housing each have an opening therethrough, said openings being aligned with each other and with an axis of rotation of said disk.
5. (Original) An apparatus according to Claim 4, wherein said first portion is electrically conductive, and said second portion is disposed between said first portion and said disk.
6. (Original) An apparatus according to Claim 5, wherein said second portion is made from one of an electrically conductive and an electrically dissipative material.

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7. (Original) An apparatus according to Claim 5, wherein said housing has a section which includes said second portion, which substantially completely surrounds said disk except for said opening through said second portion, and which is made from a material that is one of electrically conductive and electrically dissipative.

8. (Amended) An apparatus according to Claim 1, including a motor fixedly mounted in said opening through said first portion through said conductive plate, said motor effecting said ~~rotatable~~ rotatable support of said disk within said housing.

9. (Original) An apparatus according to Claim 8, wherein an inner edge of said opening through said second portion is spaced radially outwardly from said motor.

10. (Original) An apparatus according to Claim 4, wherein said first portion is electrically conductive, and is disposed between said second portion and said disk.

11. (Original) An apparatus according to Claim 10, wherein said housing has, on a side of said disk opposite from said first and second portions, third and fourth portions which each extend approximately parallel to said disk, which are each spaced from said disk in a direction normal to said disk, and which have a space therebetween, said third portion being made of a material which is electrically conductive.

12. (Original) An apparatus according to Claim 11, wherein said housing has a fifth portion which electrically couples said first and third portions.

13. (Original) An apparatus according to Claim 12, wherein said housing has a section which includes said second and fourth portions, which substantially completely surrounds said disk and said first and third portions except for said opening through said second portion, and which is made from a material that is electrically insulative.

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14. (Original) An apparatus according to Claim 4, wherein said first portion is disposed between said second portion and said disk, and is made of a material which is one of electrically conductive and electrically dissipative.

15. (Original) An apparatus according to Claim 14, wherein said second portion is made from a material which is electrically insulative.

16. (Original) An apparatus according to Claim 15, wherein said housing has a third portion which, together with said first portion, defines a section of said housing which substantially completely surrounds said disk except for said opening through said first portion, said third portion being made from a material which is one of electrically dissipative and electrically conductive.

17. (Original) An apparatus according to Claim 16, wherein said second and third portions each engage said first portion but are free of engagement with each other.

18. (Amended) An apparatus according to Claim 4, including a motor fixedly mounted in said opening through one of said first and second portions and said conductive plate, said motor effecting said rotatable support of said disk within said housing.

19. (Canceled)

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